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Managing Communication Of Data)
Used For Predicting Malfunctions In A)
Plurality Of Machines)

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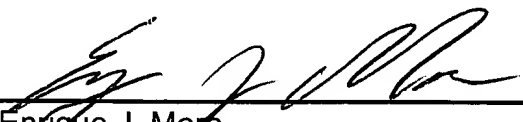
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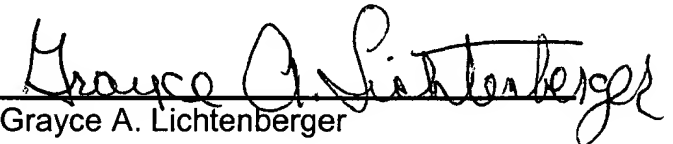
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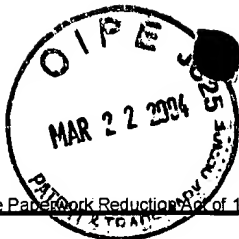
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